

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS
Special Called Council Meeting

September 24, 1980
4:00 P.M.

Council Chambers
301 West Second Street

The meeting was called to order with Mayor McClellan presiding.

Roll Call:

Present: Mayor McClellan, Councilmembers Cooke, Goodman, Himmelblau,
Mullen, Snell, Mayor Pro Tem Trevino

Absent: None

Mayor McClellan stated that this was a Special Called meeting for the purpose of considering the adoption of the proposed 1980-85 Capital Improvements Program Budget.

ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

The Council briefly discussed Mayor McClellan's suggestion to shift the Oak Hill Sub-Station from the 1980-81 budget to the 1981-82 budget. Councilmember Himmelblau also suggested shifting the Lake Travis Sub-Station from 1981-82 to 1982-83 but later withdrew her suggestion when Mr. R.L. Hancock, Director of the Electric Dept., explained that if one of the towers along IH 35 toward IBM and TI were lost, it would cause a sustained interruption in a heavy load area.

Councilmember Cooke asked Mr. Hancock to speak to the issue of the development of future lignite resources.

Mr. Hancock said that the development of future lignite resources "anticipates \$750,000 a year in 80-81 and 81-82. It is front-end money funding only for the development of the resource at Camp Swift, which would be in 80-81 and would provide things like payments for some of the preliminary interface that we are having with the bureau land management in the bidding process and then some studies and assessments that would be required after that bidding process which will occur in March of next year, hopefully. It certainly provides no development, no significant development, in that resource itself - that is no fully developed mining plan or no physical development in that area; it is simply in conjunction with the bidding process and any assessment shortly thereafter. Now, the lignite resource anticipated, I believe, for the 81-82 year is some of the lignite resources that are available under the "Valero" settlement, in which Austin, Central, LCRA and City Public Service in San Antonio have the option to buy at book value certain lignite holdings that LOVACA had and of course, it was subsequently changed to Valero; that is funding to assist in that assessment, but about all that would assist with is some study work and perhaps some funding that might be required on maintaining leases and things of that sort that currently Bolero is maintaining; but, it would provide no substantial development of that resource either. If we are to participate in those, some funds will be required; it is very difficult to estimate the magnitude of those funds, however."

Mr. Hancock continued to say that the exact route of the 138 KV South Transmission Line has not yet been decided. He said that the system demands to the South and Southwest area are a substantial load.

WATER

Mayor McClellan suggested deleting the Southwest Distribution Main at \$1,776,000 and the Davis Lane Pump Station at \$327,000.

Councilmember Himmelblau suggested deleting the expenditure for fire hydrants.

Councilmember Cooke stated that the Martin Hill Reservoir should be maintained but perhaps not at its current proposed capacity.

Mr. Bill Bulloch recommended leaving Martin Hill as it is and deleting "Three Points".

Councilmember Cooke stated that he agreed with the Department's recommendation to delete "Three Points" and go with Martin Hill.

Returning to the matter of fire hydrants, after a brief discussion, the Council agreed to leave the item in the budget.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mayor McClellan reviewed for the Council her recommendations for the Public Works Department CIP.

Regarding the proposed amount for alley paving, Councilmember Himmelblau recommended leaving in \$200,000 for the upcoming year.

Councilmember Himmelblau questioned the need for funds for CIP 80/62-01 (Paving - Braker Lane/US 183 - Kramer Lane) for FY 80-81.

Mr. John German said that there was an urgent need to proceed with the project. \$1,260,000 was needed for the construction. Area property owners were interested in providing right-of-way at no cost.

After further discussion, the Council agreed to leave the project in FY 80-81.

Councilmember Cooke asked about CIP 78/62-21 (Paving - Kramer Lane/Burnet - Lamar) being moved to FY 81-82.

Mr. German responded that he had suggested earlier that the project be moved to recognize the cash flow and design problems. About one-half of the project from Parkfield Drive to RM 1325 could be completed the first year with the other phase to Lamar Boulevard being completed the second year. It was just a time phasing of the project. \$890,000 would be left in FY 80-81.

Councilmember Cooke inquired about cash flow differences on the Congress Avenue project whereby Public Works showed a need for the funds now, while the City Manager and Planning Commission showed a later funding year.

Mr. German replied that it was an additional \$1 million which was in the CIP previously. Since he had thought that sufficient funds were available for the project, the Planning Commission and City Manager had recommended that funding be placed in the 4th year of the program in case there were additional projects. The situation had changed since last June, July and August.

Councilmember Himmelblau asked Mr. German to discuss CIP 78/62-18 (Paving - West 1st Street/MoPac - San Antonio Street) and indicated that she would like to see it moved up to FY 80-81.

Mr. German said that he felt it was premature to do any widening until interchange improvements were completed. A consultant was working on the interchange design, which would require 6 months to a year for that analysis. It was his opinion that FY 81-82 was a realistic schedule for the project.

Councilmember Himmelblau asked about funding for CIP 81/62-24 (Paving - Walsh Tarlton Lane - French Creek to Stoneridge).

Mr. German stated that \$250,000 would be needed for the bridge and immediate approaches. Another \$190,000 would be needed next year for widening the street on south of the bridge to tie in with what was being built by the Mall.

Councilmember Cooke asked how the staff was responding to neighborhood concerns over CIP 78/62-31 (Paving - Eberhart - Cooper Lane/Congress Avenue - City Limits) regarding a 30-foot wide street.

Mr. German stated that staff had met with the neighborhood and looked at the situation on the ground. He thought that street width from Mathews south could be reached down to 36 feet if necessary, could be fitted into existing right-of-way and still solve drainage problems and paving problems in that area. Most of the existing trees could be saved.

Councilmember Cooke stated that for the record he would like to move in the direction Mr. German was working toward.

Responding to Councilmember Cooke's question regarding CIP 78/62-09 (Paving - Montopolis Drive/Riverside to Ben White), Mr. German said that the project involved a divided highway for Montopolis Drive from Ben White Boulevard to Grove Boulevard and a four-lane roadway from Grove Boulevard to Riverside Drive. The Grove Boulevard portion would be done by developers. Full funding was proposed for FY 80-81 in the amount of \$930,000.

Councilmember Cooke asked about the necessity of increasing Morth Bluff Drive to six lanes (CIP 78/62-32 - Paving - North Bluff Drive/IH 35 - East of Onion Creek).

Mr. German replied that it was a continuation of William Cannon Drive east of IH 35 and just had a different name in that area. The most urgent section lay between IH 35 and Old Lockhart Highway, next to an area developed by HEB Grocery and others. What was proposed for the first year was enough money to begin preliminary engineering on the project.

Regarding CIP 76/62-12 (Paving - William Cannon/Brodie - US 290), Mr. German asked if the William Cannon Drive engineering work had been omitted purposely for FY 80-81. Councilmember Himmelblau said that she wanted it left in, but after further discussion the Council moved funding to FY 83-84.

In response to Councilmember Goodman's question regarding CIP 81/62-06, (Paving - Parmer Lane/RM 620 1325 - City Participation), Mr. German said that staff would be supportive of moving the project into FY 80-81 from FY 81-82. The Council agreed to move the project to FY 80-81.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Dr. Albert Randall explained why he had asked to move CIP 78/91-01 (North Central District Public Health Center) from FY 81-82 to FY 80-81. The facility would be housing the staff which was presently in the old annex. More space was needed for the VD clinic and TB clinic. If space could be rented, then the project could be postponed a year.

Councilmember Himmelblau and Mayor McClellan felt that the location was too near St. Johns. The Council agreed to place the project in FY 81-82.

LIBRARY

Councilmember Himmelblau requested and the Council agreed to move up CIP 77/85-02 (Replace Windsor Village Branch) to FY 80-81, land acquisition for \$60,000.

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilmember Cooke initially requested that CIP 77/61-01 (8th Street Pedestrian Mall) be moved to FY 80-81, but after further discussion the Council agreed to move it to FY 81-82.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Councilmember Himmelblau stated that she objected to the moving of acquisition of the Storm Tract from FY 81-82 to FY 80-81.

Motion

Councilmember Goodman moved that the Council approve moving the acquisition of the Storm Tract to FY 80-81. The motion, seconded by Mayor McClellan, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor McClellan, Councilmembers Cooke, Goodman, Snell,
Mayor Pro Tem Trevino
Noes: Councilmember Himmelblau
Absent: Councilmember Mullen

Mayor McClellan pointed out that voter approval would be needed if the acquisition was moved to FY 80-81.

Regarding CIP 75/86-46 (Park Improvements - Northeast Recreation Center), Mr. Ehrler said that the Parks and Recreation Board and staff had asked that a moratorium be established on any new development until completion of the Parks Master Plan.

Motion

Councilmember Snell moved that the Council move CIP 75/86-46 up to FY 81-82. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Goodman, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Cooke, Goodman, Himmelblau, Snell, Mayor
Pro Tem Trevino, Mayor McClellan
Noes: None
Absent: Councilmember Mullen

Councilmember Himmelblau requested that \$35,000 be taken from CIP 81/86-03 (Land Acquisition - Neighborhood Park Acquisitions) for the Oak Hill project (\$40,000) and reallocated to the scenic overlook project on Loop 360. After some discussion, the Council left the project as it was.

Regarding CIP 79/86-01 (Elizabeth Ney Museum Renovation), at Councilmember Cooke's request, the Council agreed to move \$30,000 to FY 81-82 for a total of \$80,000 for that year.

Councilmember Goodman requested and the Council agreed to the following schedule for the Balcones District Park development:

1. Move \$175,000 to FY 81-82 to construct maintenance complex and place that amount in the next bond package. Also included would be restroom shelters and pool design.
2. FY 82-83 - Construct pool at cost of \$900,000.
3. FY 83-84 - Landscaping and playground development - \$100,000
4. FY 84-85 - Four lighted tennis courts - \$160,000
5. FY 85-86 - Picnic areas - \$10,000

Total cost of the projects would be \$1,345,000.

Mayor McClellan suggested that for the scenic overlook on Loop 360 requested by Councilmember Himmelblau that \$35,000 be shown in FY 80-81 and try to pick it up from any project which would come in under budget. If not, then the \$35,000 would be put on the bond issue.

Mr. Ehrler said that land which had been proposed for parkland acquisition at Angus Valley and Mesa Park school sites had been sold by AISD. He suggested collapsing the two projects (a total of \$180,000) and buying only one site in the area. Money being freed up should be sufficient to fund the scenic overlook on Loop 360. Councilmember Himmelblau agreed with the suggestion. The rest of the Council also concurred.

Councilmember Trevino requested that \$40,000 for restroom facilities at Festival Beach be moved up from FY 84-85 to FY 80-81, and the Council agreed to the request. (CIP 81/86-21)

The Council next discussed CIP 79/86-15 (Park Improvements - Downtown Revitalization and Beautification)

Councilmember Cooke made the following statement:

"...levelize it to 200K a year instead of pushing it all out in the third, fourth and fifth year and plan to continue to bring along that amount of funds for every bond election that we consider so that that we can continue to make some dedicated effort in this area. I think it's a good faith intent and I think to push it out and not do it implies a lack of commitment which has not been this Council's intent."

In response to Councilmember Himmelblau's question regarding any funds remaining in the project, Mr. Ehrler stated that there was \$214,000 now that was really pledged toward Congress as downtown Beautification at this point.

The Council next discussed placing the item on the upcoming bond election.

Motion

Councilmember Cooke moved that the Council levelize CIP 79/86-15 at \$200,000 over the next 5 years and put \$200,000 in the next bond package.

Mayor McClellan stated that she would agree with Councilmember Cooke so long as it was not tied to Congress Avenue. Councilmember Cooke stated that it had nothing to do with Congress Avenue beautification plans already approved. The rest of the Council agreed with Councilmember Cooke's motion.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Councilmember Goodman requested that under CIP 81/86-17 the paving of the southern parking lot in Zilker Metropolitan Park be deleted until after completion of the Parks Master Plan (\$250,000). The Council agreed with the request.

VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT SERVICES

With regard to CIP 81/78-02, Mr. Conover of VES stated that the current administration building was small and that more space was needed for personnel.

Mayor McClellan and the Council agreed to leave the project in FY 80-81.

SUMMARY OF FIVE-YEAR CIP

Mr. Frank Rodriguez, Research and Budget Department, presented the following figures thus far approved by the Council for the 1981-86 CIP:

Five-year total - \$587,133,000

First-year only bond package -

Public Works	- \$14,462,000
Vehicle & Equipment Services	- 177,000
Traffic Signalization	- 673,000
Parks and Recreation	- 1,890,000
EMS	- <u>914,000</u>

TOTAL - General Obligation - \$18,176,000

Water & Wastewater	- \$28,474,000
Electric Utility	- <u>6,677,000</u>

TOTAL - Revenue Bonds - \$35,151,000

TOTAL - First Year Bonds - \$53,327,000

Mayor McClellan emphasized that the Council was not approving a one-year bond proposal today.

PARKS AND RECREATION

At Councilmember Himmelblau's request, the Council agreed to move CIP 81/89-03 (Morris Williams Golf Course improvements) from FY 80-81 to FY 81-82.

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At Councilmember Cooke's request, the Council agreed to place \$50,000 in FY 80-81 for irrigation system improvements at Hancock Golf Course.

ADOPTION OF 1980-85 CIP - 1ST READING ONLY

Mayor McClellan brought up the following ordinance for its first reading.

The ordinance was read the first time, and Councilmember Goodman moved that the ordinance be passed to its second reading. The motion, seconded by Mayor McClellan, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Himmelblau, Mayor Pro Tem Trevino, Mayor McClellan, Councilmembers Cooke, Goodman

Noes: None

Abstain: Councilmember Mullen

Not in Council Chamber when roll was called: Councilmember Snell

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been passed through its first reading only.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned its meeting at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVED

Carole Keeton McClellan
Mayor

ATTEST:

Grace Mouser
City Clerk